

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at
Endecott House on Monday 9th June 2014 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, d'archSmith, Mrs. G. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Sampson, Shears, Miss Stead and Ms Thorn

Apologies: Cllrs: Mrs. Haxton, Parrott and Williams

In attendance two members of the public

38. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests to declare.

39. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- a) The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12th May 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 29th May 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- c) The Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 1st May 2014 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

40. Beating the Bounds (Min: 20 refers)

Members of the Committee walked the boundary and reported that many areas would need walking again to clarify the route for the day. Cllr: Coombe will ask if the school children would like to design a poster. Volunteers to help with the supper would be welcome and an indication of numbers would be helpful. South West Lakes are able to provide a boat.

Resolved: The next meeting of The Beating the Bounds Group should be at the end of July.

41. WWI (Min: 22 refers)

Cllr: Sampson will get a quote from Williams and Triggs and will also enquire about the Poppy Seeds which are being donated to commemorate WW1, these will be planted in public areas around the Parish. **Noted.**

42. The Swimming Pool Lease (Min: 23 refers)

The Swimming Pool Committee have not been in touch about extending the lease. **Noted.**

43. Chagford Library (Min: 24 refers)

A Public Meeting took place on 29th May 2014 to consider the future of the Library. The Parish Council were asked to consider the possibility of giving a grant. The Council are able to make grants but are restricted to £6000 for all projects and organisations.

It was also suggested that each household be asked to pay an annual fee and if the Parish Council are able to raise the precept.

A letter had been received from a Senior Citizen of Chagford supporting the Library stating it was an invaluable service.

Resolved: The Parish Council fully support the Library. A meeting of the Finance Group will be held on 3rd July 2014 when the Council will consider how best to help the Library. **Resolved:** The Clerk has been asked to communicate with Throwleigh and Drewsteignton to seek support for the Library. The Clerk will write to Devon Libraries in support of retaining Chagford Library and copied to Cllr: James McInnes.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

44. 3 Valley View, Chagford

Kerjons Green, 3 Valley View has been empty for a number of years, the Treasury has now agreed to take the property on and have submitted a grant to the probate registry to administer the estate. Therefore the property will be put on the market shortly. **Noted.**

45. 30 mph Sign

The 30 mph sign coming up from the Swimming Pool on the Crossways junction is being obscured by vegetation. **Resolved:** The Clerk will contact Highways and inform.

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORT Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Bleakman

- 46. 0288/14** Proposed: Two storey extension as an amendment to an extant approved extension at 7 Rivervale Close, Chagford. **Resolved:** To support the application.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

47. Moretonhampstead Health Hub

At the last meeting discussions were held on a suitable name for the Health Hub which is to be based at the hospital, however a legal document states that Moretonhampstead Hospital's name cannot be changed. A discussion took place with regards to the type of clinics, which could be provided within the hub. **Noted.**

48. Throwleigh Centre

Devon County Council has finally had agreement from The Charity Commissioners to be allowed to dispose of the Throwleigh Centre. Devon County Council has agreed to sell Throwleigh Centre and the proceeds will be passed to a Trust for the benefit of young people within the Parishes of Chagford, Drewsteignton, Gidleigh and Throwleigh. **Noted.**

49. Housing Group

The Housing Group met to discuss the criteria for letting the affordable housing on the new development between Lower Street and Westcott Lane. Arising from this meeting it was **Noted** that all interested parties should register with Devon Home Choice.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

50. Street Sweeping

The Clerk of North Tawton Town Council has requested approval to pay Mr. Pell for street sweeping in Chagford, however Mr. Pell has not informed Cllr: Lloyd Hill of the dates and duties he has carried out. The members are concerned about the work which has been carried out. **Resolved:** Not to approve payment until representatives from the Council have met with Mr. Pell.

51. Mr. Pell is now registered for VAT and this will be applied to all the invoices from April 1st 2014. **Noted.**

52. Tony Mogford Associates Ltd.

An invoice had been received from Mogford Associates who carried out a safety inspection of the playground and the skate board area. A report and risk assessment was received. **Resolved:** to agree payment.

53. Request from Jubilee Hall for a Grant

The Trustees of the Jubilee Hall Trust have prepared a detailed plan and costing's for developing the Hall. DNPA have indicated their endorsement of the plan in principle and the Parish Council have offered support.

The Trustees would now like to request that the Parish Council consider making a grant towards the project which is expected to be £600,000.

Resolved: this should be discussed at a Finance Group Meeting.

ENVIRONMENT

54. Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Hill

Cllr: Mrs. Hill reported that the Wooden Train needs repair to the sides, the pathways need weeding and the shrubs need pruning. The fence also needs repairing. However generally the field was in good condition.

Resolved: Anybody who is available on Saturday 21st June at 8.30 a.m. is asked to help with the pruning etc.

55. Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Hill

There were no concerns regarding the public conveniences, the cleaners are doing a good job. **Noted.**

56. Mogford Associates Safety Inspection Report of the Jubilee Field

Most safety issues were of low priority, the main medium and high priority issues were a 'hidey hole' in the top corner to the left of the gates. Children

cannot be observed in here. The Wooden Train, recently adapted with the additions of a climbing wall and a climbing net, issues were raised concerning the possibility of children falling from the train's flat top. **Noted.**

CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

57. Healthy People

NHS New Devon are holding a series of events with a focus on finding out the views of people on the future mental health strategy in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. There will be an opportunity to meet and talk to representatives from local commissioners and providers of mental health services. 16th June - Plymouth, 19th June – Barnstaple, 20th June – Exeter, 24th June – Exeter, 8th July – Torquay. **Noted.**

58. Youth Service Review

Earlier this year Devon County Council carried out an extensive 12 week Public Consultation regarding a major review of the Devon Youth Service. On 11th June, the Council's Cabinet will consider a recommendation for Devon to retain a professional youth work service and eight area-based Youth Centre Hubs. The hubs are likely to be based in Exeter, Exmouth, Bideford, Barnstaple, Newton Abbot, Tiverton, Totnes and Okehampton. **Noted.**

59. Mr. William Todd-Jones

A reply was received from Mr. Todd-Jones regarding Superfast Broadband attaching letters received from MP Mel Stride. Stating his continued concerns that BT and Openreach are not presently delivering on the service they promised. **Noted.**

60. Chagford Primary School

The Department of Education have agreed a £2 billion budget for rebuilding/ refurbishing the Schools. The Education Funding Agency will complete the Property Data Survey Programme by the summer and a decision made in the Autumn. Chagford Primary School is one of the Schools who are under consideration. **Noted.**

61. Clerks Training

CiLCA are running an Intensive Course for Clerks on November 18th from 9.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. at a cost of £120 + VAT. **Resolved:** To book the Clerk on to the course.

Also all Clerks are invited to a Summer Social on 14th August at Newton Abbot. **Resolved:** the Clerk will RSVP

62. Rural Services Network

The Rural Services Network are establishing a rural sounding board and working groups for Councillors the three topics will be Fuel Poverty, Rural Transport and Rural Broadband. **Noted.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS

63. A telephone conversation was received from Mr. Bowen from West Devon Borough Council requesting information about the availability of office space for staff from Kilworthy Park in June 2015. **Resolved:** the Clerk to find out more details.
64. An e-mail from Mr. Dan Janota from DNPA had been received regarding the SHLAA Review 2014 (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment). SHLAA is a process used by local planning authorities to identify areas of land which may have potential for housing, employment and traveller uses. **Resolved:** a notice to this effect should be put on the Parish Notice Board.
65. **South West Highways**
Road closures due to take place:
Wonson to Chagford on Wednesday, 14th June 2014.
Adley Lane, Chagford on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June, 2014
Corner Cottage to Forder, Chagford from Thursday 5th June until Wednesday 11th June 2014.
Easton Cross to Forder Bridge, Chagford from Wednesday 2nd July until Wednesday 9th July 2014.
66. **NSPCC**
A letter was received from the NSPCC requesting a donation. **Noted.**
67. **Transport for the Community**
An invitation was received from Okehampton and District Community Transport Group to a Community Transport Awareness County Roadshow on Saturday 14th June. **Noted.**
68. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
The following accounts were approved for payment:-
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| | £ |
| Direct Debit – BT Broadband Services | 39.22 |
| 3223 Mrs. S. Curtis – May Salary | 468.46 |
| 3224 Mrs. S. Curtis – Clerk’s Expenses | 20.00 |
| 3225 Tony Mogford Associates Ltd – Safety Inspection | 108.00 |
| 3226 Ben Pell – Jubilee Park Maintenance | 336.00 |

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.35 P.M.

Date Signed